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Thunder Basin NG travel plan decision

(Douglas Wyo. July 6, 2009) – The Thunder Basin National Grassland travel management plan is completed and available at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r2/mbr/projects/trans/index.shtml>.

Alternative 2 of the Final Environmental Assessment was selected for implementation. Alternative 2 designates a new system of roads and trails, creating some new roads, trails and parking areas and decommissioning or changing the use of some existing roads and trails. A complete listing of these changes is available on the website. In addition, public right-of-ways will be pursued for about 404 miles of roads accessing, or on, Thunder Basin National Grassland that are closed due to lack of legal public access.

Motorized use will take place only on roads and trails designated for those uses, and some roads that are causing natural resource damage will be closed.

Selection of Alternative 2 is based on environmental analysis, public comments and laws and policies. The Alternative includes adaptive management, which allows managers to adapt the plan if changes in environmental conditions occur, or if the intended desired conditions are not being met.

The Decision to select Alternative 2 may be appealed. Please visit the website for more information, or call Misty Hays at 307-358-4690.

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